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Fig. 14 shows pertinent components to implement an initialization procedure to determine appropriate gains for use when receiving signals from different senders. AGC feedback component 120 operates as described above with reference to received individual or group envelope signals and produces an output that adjusts the gain of an amplifier 122. A switching circuit ~~124~~ 123 is configured during the initialization procedure to supply the output of the AGC feedback component 120 to the gain control input of amplifier 122. During initialization, an appropriate data pattern is transmitted from the sending device and the AGC feedback is allowed to reach a steady state. An analog-to-digital converter 124 samples the voltage output of feedback component 120 and converts it to a digital value. This value is stored in storage elements or registers 126. This procedure is repeated for different senders, and a gain value is stored for each sender.

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During subsequent, normal operation, switching circuit ~~124~~ 123 is configured to supply a voltage produced by a digital-to-analog converter 128. Digital-to-analog converter 128 receives its input from storage elements 126, which are controlled to output a value that corresponds to the particular sending device that is currently active.